

REMARKS

The Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for the courtesy of a telephone interview with Applicant's registered representative, Ognyan I. Beremski, Reg. No. 51,458. In the telephone interview conducted on June 26, 2007, Mr. Beremski and Examiner Lamarre discussed the above-identified two-group restriction requirement. The Examiner indicated that if Applicant Elects group I for prosecution, then claims 1-15, 18-44, 47-70 (identified as Species I) will be allowable as of the date of the present office action. The Applicant thanks the Examiner for this indication of allowability.

With regard to claims 16-17, 45-46, 71-72 (identified as Species II), the Applicant intends to file a divisional application.

CONCLUSION

Based on at least the foregoing, the Applicant believes that all elected claims are in condition for allowance. If the Examiner disagrees, the Applicant respectfully requests a telephone interview, and request that the Examiner telephone the undersigned Attorney at (312) 775-8176.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to the deposit account of McAndrews, Held & Malloy, Ltd., Account No. 13-0017.

A Notice of Allowability is courteously solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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